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ALLEGED FRAUD.

CHINESE BUSINESS MEN CHARGED.

\$50,000 INVOLVED.

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with an alleged conspiracy to defraud the banking department of the Wing On Company of a sum of \$50,000 by means of a forged deposit book.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley) was for the prosecution. Mr. T. G. Bennett appeared for the first and third defendants, Au Kim-lui and Lam Fook-chiu, while Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask represented the second defendant, Fok Cheung-yuen.

The prosecution applied for one week's formal remand, to which no objection was offered by the defence, and the question of bail was raised by Mr. Bennett.

His Worship remarked that he understood the \$50,000 obtained from the Wing On Company was not their property.

Mr. Jenkin said that the first \$50,000 was the property of the Company and had been obtained under a forged deposit book. The fraud was quite a common one. A man posing as a customer of the bank would open a deposit account with the intention of withdrawing the money later. A second man would put up the money and receive a deposit book. With the expenditure of a small sum a forged deposit book would be made by a third man. With the presentation of the two books at different dates an attempt would then be made to withdraw the money twice.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said that the men were charged with forgery as well as conspiracy. The case was a serious one and his instructions were to oppose bail.

His Worship said that he could not allow bail under the circumstances and formally adjourned the case until February 9.

HAYLEY MORRIS.

According to a Reuter's message the appeal of Hayley Morris and his wife have been dismissed. The cable and an interesting article appear on page three.

EDUCATION STIR.

FORMER HONGKONG MAN SPEAKS OUT.

COLLEGE DOMINATION.

Dr. John Stuart Thomson, formerly of Hongkong, contributes a leading article on University life and education to the World Travel Gazette, that is making some stir in the international education world. It recommends the ancient English custom in academic things of letting the colleges be managed by the faculties and students rather than be academically and athletically dominated by rich donors who are seeking advertisement, propaganda or some other private advantage.

Dr. Thomson for three years was manager at Hongkong of the Pacific Mail and Toyo Kisen Kaisha S.S. Co.'s office in Queen's Building, living at the Peak Hotel and Hongkong Club. During that time he contributed poems to Chamber's Journal, Edinburgh, the most famous being "The Alien's Farewell," December 1, 1902 and "The Alien's Return" 1904.

Dr. Thomson is a well known constitutional and civic-zoning authority and Far East Explorer and is being run by the New Jersey press for U.S. Senator. The article makes him popular with the students and the faculties though some of the latter as popular with the exploiters of colleges. A former college athlete himself (quarterback, track, lacrosse) he is opposed to the present professionalized athletic system, which he says is too much a spectacle for non-athletes and non-collegians.

KOWLOON RIOT.

ALLEGED RINGLEADER ARRESTED.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS?

Alleged to be the ringleader of the riot in Yaumati on Sunday night when the Police had to open fire, a Chinese came up before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and was remanded to await further developments.

Three men have been arrested in a tea-house, it is reported, and the defendant is believed to have been one of these.

Charges of abetting the release of prisoners in custody and obstructing the police were preferred against him.

ARMED ROBBERY.

A MORNING HAUL AT YAUMATI.

ROBBERS ESCAPE.

At 10 o'clock this morning, three Chinese armed with a revolver and a knife entered No. 343, Portland Street, Yaumati, (ground floor).

Money, jewellery and clothing, value at present unknown, were taken, and the robbers escaped in the direction of Shamshui.

FALSE FRIENDSHIP.

LODGER DECAPS WITH CLOTHING.

CHINESE JAILED.

"You take advantage of his hospitality and steal his property," was the remark made by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning when he imposed sentence of four weeks' hard labour on a Chinese who had stolen some clothing.

Divisional Inspector Orr said that the day after the theft the defendant and complainant accidentally met in the street. Defendant made an attempt to escape, but was caught after a chase.

INDIAN'S CHINESE.

VERY GOOD, BUT NOT INTELLIGIBLE.

A COURT SCENE.

A veteran rice shopkeeper of Shaubai with torn clothing and a bruised leg was the defendant on a charge of assaulting an Indian constable in a case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Divisional Inspector Blackman said there had been a quarrel over a small obstruction outside defendant's shop and probably more force than was necessary had been used by the constable.

The constable stated in evidence that the defendant sat in the roadway with a basket of leaves and refused to move away after he had ordered him to do so three times. He was then abused, and had his pockets torn out.

His Worship on learning that the constable held a first class certificate for speaking Chinese asked him to repeat the order as given to the defendant. The constable complied in a gruff voice.

"Very good, but not intelligible," remarked His Worship.

Defendant was discharged.

POLICE ITEMS.

A piracy occurred at Yuet Mee in Chinese waters on Saturday night when a boat with five men drew alongside a fishing vessel and drove the crew into the hold. A small sum of money and clothing were taken.

Damage to the extent of \$400 was done by fire at No. 82, Taipei New Market, yesterday, the origin being traced to a spark igniting some dried grass.

A Chinese who was entrusted with \$1,088.50 worth of jewellery on January 27 for sale on behalf of a woman living at No. 9, Queen's Street, is reported to have absconded with the goods three days later.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/4 7/16.

HEROISM AT SEA.

RESCUE OF "POOR LITTLE FREIGHTER."

UNIVERSAL ADMIRATION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 1.
When the liner "President Roosevelt," bringing the crew of the British freighter "Antiope," arrived at Plymouth yesterday, further particulars were gained served only to heighten the admiration felt for the mid-ocean rescue.

The "Antiope's" crew was unable to speak too highly of the liner's behaviour. One of them said: "We never supposed for a moment that a first class passenger boat like this would come to the rescue of a poor little freighter and give four whole days to the job." Their regret is that their safety of the lives of two of the crew of the befriending American vessel.

It is believed that Mr. W. J. who was one of the two men drowned, was a German and the first man to volunteer for the service.

The other man, who lost his life, was the master-at-arms, Mr. Wirtanen, who was of Finnish birth. Captain Fried paid a high tribute to his outstanding heroism.

LOST IN SNOWSTORMS.

The hurricane lasted four days with waves 40 to 70 feet high; and, although the "President Roosevelt" stopped as close in to the "Antiope" as was possible, she continually lost sight of her in the snowstorms—on occasion for the space of eight hours. She was found by the reckoning in spite of the darkness which had carried the "President Roosevelt" 110 miles during four days. Captain Fried remained continuously on the bridge for 36 hours. Three boats, all commanded by the Chief Officer, Mr. Miller, were lost before the rescue was effected.

COURAGEOUS SKIPPER.

After the "Antiope's" wireless was wrecked and the little freighter lay with a list approaching forty degrees, communication was continued with a hand-lamp. Although the "Antiope" might have capsized at any moment her messages show the remarkable steadiness and courage of her skipper, Captain Toose.

Captain Toose sent the married members of his crew away in the first rescue boat and the remaining dozen with himself had to wait many hours in utmost peril until their rescue was also effected.

When at last he was carried aboard the "President Roosevelt," Captain Toose asked to be taken to the bridge; and after thanking Captain Fried, he immediately fainted from utter exhaustion.

A SINCERE TRIBUTE.

Before Captain Toose left the "President Roosevelt" yesterday, he handed the commander of the liner a message, expressing his heartfelt gratitude and stating:

"Your splendid determination to save us at all costs, even at the cost of your brave men, filled us with the deepest thankfulness. We shall never forget your noble spirited sacrifice and your devotion to the highest instincts of humanity. Your superb handling of your ship in extreme difficulty merits our lasting praise as seamen."

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL.

German Captain Honoured.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 1.
Another thrilling sea-story was told by Captain Wurts, of the North German Lloyd liner "Bremen," when the ship reached Queenstown to-day. It was in the acknowledgement of the rescue by the Bremen of six men of the British steamer "Laristan" and of the persistent but unsuccessful attempts to save the remainder of the "Laristan's" crew.

The six rescued men in an interview, expressed their gratitude to the Captain and crew of the "Bremen." They told how the "Bremen," responding to a wireless distress call, came to the "Laristan's" aid mid-Atlantic, but found it impossible to launch a boat in the heavy sea. The "Laristan," however, had a boat clear on the starboard side, and a line was fastened to this. Seven of the "Laristan's" men got into the boat, which was drawn to the "Bremen," but one man was washed off the boat and drowned. The carpenter of the "Laristan," who was in the boat, was also washed off, and tossed up and down high waves, but he had got on board the "Bremen" with the other five men.

Repeated attempts made by the "Bremen" to rescue the rest of the "Laristan's" crew by shooting a line with life rings, unfortunately failed. The "Bremen" stood by the "Laristan" the whole day and the following night. When daylight came only pieces of wreckage were to be seen. The "Laristan" had sunk during the night with the remainder of her crew 24 men.

Captain Wurts declared to-day, "We regret very much that our attempts were not crowned with better success."

GREAT FIRES.

STANDARD OIL OFFICES DESTROYED.

NINE RETAIL SHOPS BURNED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

South Bend (Illinois), Feb. 1.

Approximately two million dollars damage was caused by a fire in the business district, which destroyed nine large retail shops.

Whilst this was raging a second fire in another part of the town destroyed the Standard Oil Company's offices, causing damage to the amount of \$300,000 (gold).

RUBBER CONTROL.

THE PERCENTAGE OF PRODUCTION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 1.

The Colonial Office announces that the percentage of the standard production of rubber which may be exported at the minimum rate of duty from Ceylon and Malaya for the quarter beginning February will be 100 per cent.

EXCHANGE.

HIGHEST QUOTATION ON NEW YORK.

POST-WAR RECORD.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 1.

The sterling quotation on New York to-day rose to \$4.36 3/4, which is the highest since the war. The lowest point touched was \$3.20 about four years ago. To-day's rate is less than one-third of a cent below parity.

SURVIVORS' STORY.

Fate Of Their Comrades.

(British Wireless Service.)

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FORGED NOTES.

PRINCE AS PERSONAL DIRECTOR.

INFORMER ALSO CHARGED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Budapest, Feb. 1.

A 77-page indictment of the forged bank notes affair has been served on 26 persons.

It accuses Prince Windischgratz of personally directing the work of the forgery of 30,000 1,000-franc notes, assisted by Geroe, of the Cartographic Institute.

Nadosy is charged with conspiracy by procuring false passports in order to facilitate the distribution.

The second group of accused persons includes Bishop Zubravec, ex-Chaplain-General in the Army, who is charged with complicity by assisting in the distribution; and Baross, Director of the Post Office Savings Bank, who is accused of complicity on the ground that he illegally granted a loan to enable other accused persons to withdraw and destroy forged notes that had been deposited in another bank as security, although it was Baross's official disclosures which led to the proceedings.

NEW LINERS.

IMPORTANT EVENT FOR BRITAIN.

DETAILS OF "ASTURIAS."

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 1.

An important event in the annals of the British Mercantile Marine will take place on February 26 when the largest high-speed oil-driven ocean liner to sail regularly from Queenstown will make her maiden voyage. This vessel is the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's "Asturias," of 22,500 tons gross, and she is designed for the Southampton-South American service.

The "Asturias," which is driven by double acting Diesels, was built and engineered at Belfast. Her machinery consists of two eight cylinder motors, having a total horse power of 23,000.

Precisely similar installations will be fitted in her sister ship "Alcantara" and in the new Union Castle liner "Carnarvon Castle" recently launched.

There will be no difficulty in recognising this trio wherever they may be, owing to the two large but very low funnels with which they are provided.

RAILWAY WAGES.

DEMAND OF AMERICAN EMPLOYEES.

A DOLLAR A DAY MORE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 1.

The drivers and conductors of the Eastern States Railways have requested the employers to agree by March 2, to an increase in pay of a dollar per day.

SILVER MARKET.

(Reuter's Service.)

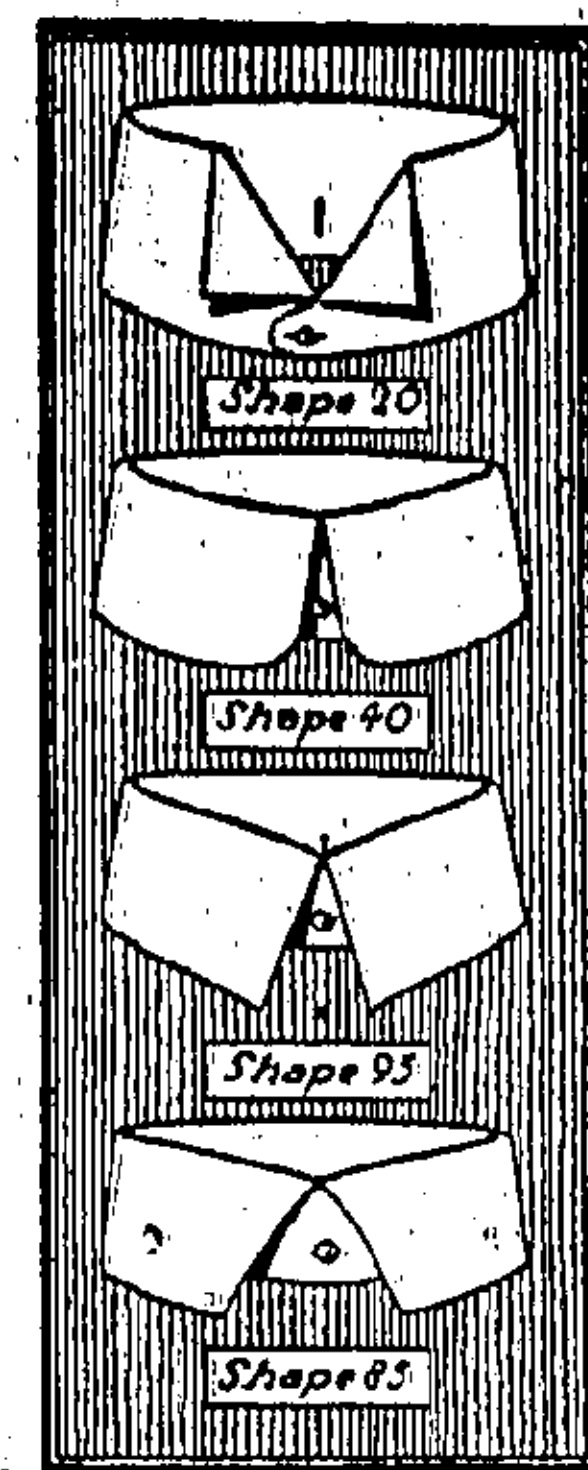
Silver is quoted 30.15 spot and 30.13 forward. India bought only a small quantity. The market is quiet.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The B.L. as "Benverlich" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Stralsund left Singapore for this port yesterday and is due to arrive here on Feb. 7.

Among numerous traffic interruptions at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. Oscar May was fined \$5 for failing to have a light on the side of his motor cycle. Another motor cyclist, Mr. A. Brailford, of the P.W.D., was fined \$10 for dangerous driving.

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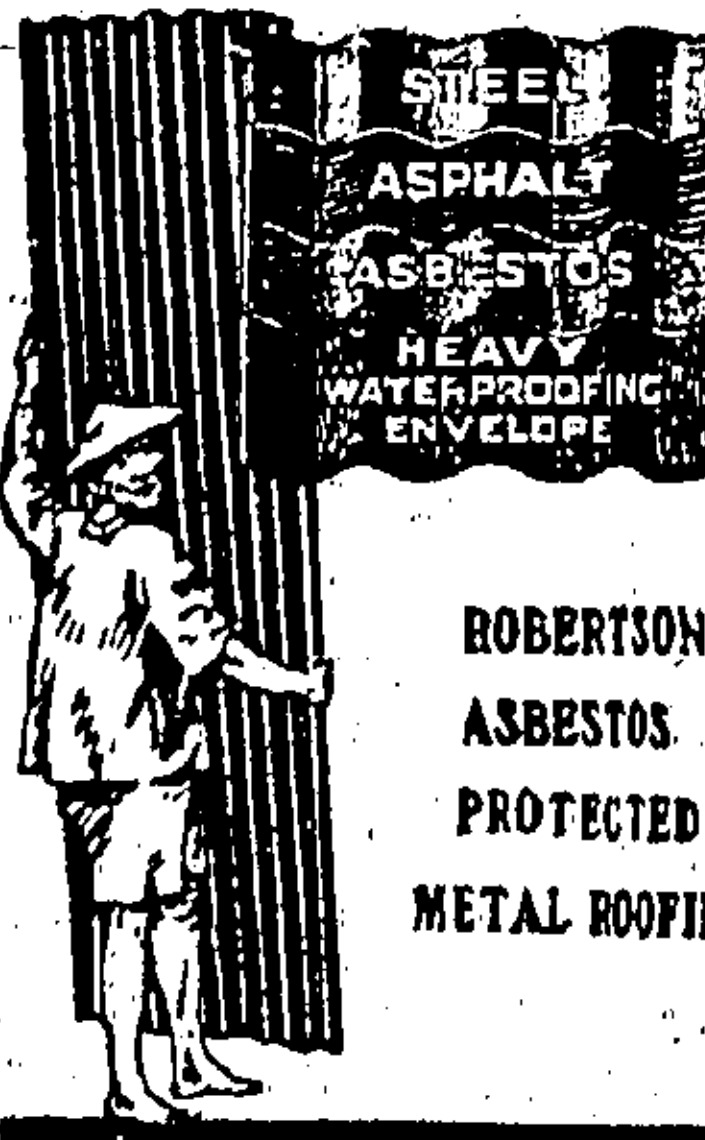
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 Hongkong, 30th May 1925.

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
 BANKING CORPORATION,
 A. H. BARLOW,
 Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 7th January 1925.

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 Paid-Up Capital Frs. 65,400,000.00
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 A. LECOT,
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 M. J. HERBSCHLEB,
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 and Fixed Deposits. Terms on applica-
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 Deposits received for fixed periods of
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 O. ABE,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 11th September, 1925.

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HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.
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Authorized Capital \$10,000,000
 Paid-up Capital \$5,000,000
 Reserve Fund 1,000,000

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 A. ROLLIN,
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A. H. FERGUSON,
 Manager.
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(Taiwan Ginko.)

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Capital Subscribed Yen 45,000,000
 Capital (Paid-up) Yen 39,975,000

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 Osaka.
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 Paid-up Capital \$18,278,000.00
 Reserve Fund \$9,329,422.54

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 C. ABE,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 11th September, 1925.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

COTTON.

Manchester Market Report.

December 30.

This week has been fairly excit-
 ing. Commencing with heavy cot-
 ton buying at New York, our mar-
 ket opened with a substantial rise
 in American and Egyptian. The
 tone is rather more healthy than has
 been the case for some time past.
 No doubt due to the rise in the
 raw material, enquiry has shown
 considerable expansion and a fair
 amount has been booked. India
 outlets have shown more interest.
 Business has been done in grey and
 white shirtings, dhotees, mulls and
 occasional lines in fancies. China
 has also been stirring. Java has
 done a nice mixed trade. South
 America has also been in the run-
 ning. The Continent and Near
 East have only bought sparingly.
 Home trade has been fairly lively,
 especially for the better grade of
 cloths. Trade on the whole dur-
 ing the past year has not been
 really bad, cotton exports have been
 larger than in 1924, notwithstanding
 the fact that China which is
 Lancashire's second largest custom-
 er has been in such a disturbed
 state that sales to that part are
 down by about 40 per cent. India
 also has not been buying to the
 same extent as is possible for such
 an enormous market. Europe
 generally is in a more settled state
 than at any time since the Armis-
 tice and India is in a rather more
 prosperous and peaceful state than
 it has been for years past. China,
 however, does not yet show any
 definite signs of a movement to-
 wards settlement. As regards
 other parts of the world conditions
 and drops are very satisfactory;
 this state of affairs will place
 everyone in a position to purchase
 freely. There is a wide spread
 feeling that the forthcoming year
 will see a considerable influx in
 trade.

The Manila bureau of in-
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 gistered increases in cigar and
 cigarette exports to the United
 States, in comparison with
 exports to that country in the
 corresponding month of 1924. Ex-
 ports during those months follow:
 December, 1925, cigars, 20,673,898
 units; cigarettes 110,000 units;
 December, 1924, cigars, 20,671,898
 units; cigarettes 25,000 units;
 Class "A" cigars top the list with
 20,285,054 units.
 The bureau, however, registered
 slight decreases in exports of scrap
 and partly manufactured tobacco,
 with 15,525 kilos of scrap tobacco
 exported last month, as against
 17,550 kilos exported in the same
 month in 1924, and with 23,944 kilos
 of partly manufactured tobacco in
 December, 1925, compared with
 30,653 kilos in December, 1924.

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type. Not so long since that old bogey of the "They said" appeared. The end of the world was at hand. But Hongkong is still on the map and its recent escapade in getting in front or behind time has been rectified by an unerring Royal Observatory. We cannot suppress Seers and Prophets, but the time has come to endeavour to suppress the idle rumourist who adds nothing to life but an unholy fear of the unknown. Let the reader ask himself or herself if the "unruly member" these last weeks has not been allowed to exercise its functions unduly in passing on the disturbing thought. Fear begets fear. It is possible to pass on the fear to others. Or a suggestion insisted on becomes almost a reality. It communicates itself to others who become to believe in it and in the end to act upon it. There is a clear duty imposed upon us all. Of a speech we are asked to apply the formula—(1) Who made it? (2) What did he say? (3) How did he say it? The same thing should apply to rumour. Good Government is the minimum interference with the liberty of the subject and freedom of speech. But there comes a limit, and that limit is reached when the idle tongue of rumour is given free reign and allowed to help on the cause of unsettlement.

Hayley Morris.

Owing to his connection with the Far East the trial and appeal of Hayley Morris and his young wife have aroused as much interest here as at home. From beginning to end it has been a most unsavoury case, the stories of the girl victims of his passions being pathetic in the extreme. His appeal has failed, as was to be expected by those who read in the Home paper the exhaustive reports of his very remarkable trial. He has been proved to be a thorough scoundrel. He has sinned not only against the law—he has shaken the confidence of many in mankind. It may be questioned by some whether such cases as this should be published at all in the Press, but these critics can be quite easily confounded. More than any punishment in prison the exposure of a man in the position of Hayley Morris will be hard to bear. For his feelings, either during the sensational trial or when he is eventually released, no account need be taken. He has received his deserts. The real point of the publicity given to the case is the serious warning that it must undoubtedly convey to young and impressionable girls. But for the publicity and the lessons afforded thereby the list of those who fall an all too easy prey to the passion of wicked scoundrels might be swelled, reacting on the moral tone of the whole community.

CHURCH MEETING.

WORK OF ST. ANDREWS,
KOWLOON.

Preceded by a reception by the Vicar and Mrs. Lindsay at which tea was served and instrumental music provided, the annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, took place last night, under the chairmanship of the Rev. G. R. Lindsay.

In dealing with the work of the Church, Mr. Lindsay told the meeting that a service for Young People is now held every Sunday morning. The services were under the superintendence of Mrs. J. H. Hunt and had already proved most successful.

Mr. Lindsay regretted that no financial report was available owing to the departure for home of his treasurer. He asked the meeting to endorse his nomination of Mr. Mitchell as treasurer and this was done with acclamation.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Vicar's Warden, Mr. Hunt; People's Warden, Mr. Mitchell; Auditor, Hon. Sir Paul Chater; Sidesmen, Captain Thomas, Messrs. Faulkner, Doodha, Robertson, Morgan, Savage, Lyle and Simpson; Vestry, the Vicar, Rev. Mr. Arrowsmith, Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. Mitchell, Whitley, Hunt, Skeet, W. Robson, and Dr. Miller; Diocesan Conference, Messrs. Sands and Hunt, and the Messrs. Hollis and Sawyer.

Mr. Lindsay mentioned, in connection with the Thank Offering, that a member of the Church who was hard pressed said that he could give no local currency, but he would give to the Church an old Spanish coin which was of sentimental value. This was auctioned and Mr. W. S. Bailey became the owner for \$50.

A presentation was then made to Mr. Robson on the occasion of his retirement from business and from the Church Committee. The presentation took the form of a silver vase, bowl and a silk embroidered shawl for Mrs. Robson. A cheque was also presented.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

February is the month when the owl begins to hoot continuously by way of announcing his marriage. His weird music is being supplemented and greatly improved just now by a love-note composed of rapid repetition of little hoots, which recalls the sound of bubbling water. It is the so-called brown owl of the woodlands who is chiefly, though not entirely, the hooting bird. Perhaps the best concert of hooting owls in Great Britain can be heard among the remotest thickets of Epping Forest.

A remarkable letter A TRIBUTE was published in the "London Times" recently from Enrico Ferri, professor of criminal law and criminology at the University of Rome, under the heading: "In Praise of England." "It is my agreeable task to interpret the sentiments of the delegates from no fewer than thirty-six nations who attended the International Prison Congress," he wrote, "by recording our common appreciation of the splendid hospitality we have received in this country—a hospitality which will leave in our minds unfading memories." And then he added this personal tribute:

As an Italian—and, therefore, may I say, somewhat of an artist—and as a sociologist—that is to say, from the psychological point of view also—I have been impressed by many and diverse things. The admirable people of England and Scotland; the flowers in bloom; your fine roads; glorious trees; and, above all, your providential policemen—all these spring to the mind. To those of us who come from southern Europe, the first impression given by your race is that of a reserve approaching coldness, very different from the warm expansiveness of the Latin people. But a closer study shows your race to be possessed of a remarkable sense of practical sympathy, and in the depths of your hearts there is a noble strength of human feeling.

Writing about THE ALARM: country house fires, an author remembers a fire in the West of England where the household and outside servants were fully equipped with helmets, axes, and uniforms.

"Each kept his uniform in his room or at his home, and when the firebell gave the alarm, every man rushed for his clothes. Seeing a man running away from the burning mansion, I called out, 'Come here—the fire is in the house.'"

"He pulled up, saying, 'Our first rule says, 'Get into your uniform as quickly as possible!'" "And so mechanically they all rushed to their homes and rooms as trained to do, and some of the houses were half a mile distant. I have been extinguished by one man who had rushed a hose to the room where the fire started."

Aluminium was discovered in the reign of Tiberius.

But the Emperor beheaded the proud artificer who exhibited a cup which shone like silver and was incredibly light, "for if it were possible to obtain so wonderful a metal from clay in the value of his own hoards of gold and silver would be reduced to nothing."

THE USE OF SUBMARINE.

It is perhaps not a good thing to give exclusive attention, as was recently done, to the question whether the submarine can be abolished altogether, for that, at the moment at least, is not a practical matter. On the other hand, the regulation of the use of the submarine in war is not only a practical question but a very urgent one, for the submarine exists, there are always possibilities of war in some part of the world, and as soon as there is war between any two naval Powers, the controversy over the rights of the submarine will arise again acutely. There is a school which takes the view that in the future no naval Power, when hard pressed, will submit to any restrictions in its use of the submarine. That is a gratuitous assumption; that depends on the character of the Power in question and on the nature of the struggle in which it is engaged; much, again, on the condition of the world and the strength or weakness of the League of Nations at the time. These things are all hypothetical, but we can say with confidence that the

As he had to work ONLY AN back late the other EARTHQUAKE, evening a certain man took just one drink to steady him for the task. Just before 9 p.m. he was telling away high up in a big office building when the room shook and the place seemed to sway and quiver. "Good lord!" he said, "I had only one drink, and it could not possibly affect me as much as that."

So he went to a newspaper office to find out whether anyone else had felt it. When he found that it was only an earthquake he was completely relieved. "So I was all right, after all," he said complacently.

The village cricket club NEXT was in a tight position, but the hope, of the side, the vicar, was still going strong, and courage rose high in the rustic breasts. Attempting a risky, short run, the vicar's wicket was thrown down at the precise moment when the batsman got home to the crease. There was an instant and confident appeal for "run out," but the village barber, who was umpiring, gave an emphatic "Not out!" "Ah!" said the clergyman, with a breath of relief, "that was a close shave." "It was, indeed, sir," agreed the umpire in a very audible whisper, "and if it 'adn't been that you were a regular customer of mine, I should ha' said, 'Next gentleman, please.'"

Dear Aunt Augusta,— A REAL A Bible has come for me TRAGEDY from you, but I think there must be some mistake, you see when you asked me to write and say what I wanted for Xmas I said a Bike, perhaps my writing was a bit eligible. Shall I send it back to you? You see I've got mumps and a Bible isn't any use as I'm too bad to read.

Hoping to hear shortly.
Your affect, nephew,
CHRISTOPHER.

The new official report on GIB Gibraltar, just published in London, is causing some amusement by its firm statement that "no aliens are ever allowed to be born there." The civil population is now 17,000, besides some 8,000 aliens (Spaniards), and 1,500 British subjects who come into work daily from the adjacent Spanish territory.

Many visits to Gibraltar have revealed several strange little peculiarities. Spain, for example, officially regards Gibraltar as a part of Spain and includes it in its postal system and rates, while Great Britain only regards the Spanish as aliens and makes them all leave the town at gun fire, except those few who have residential permits, and even those must go indoors and stop there at the second gun fire.

But, strangely enough, in spite of the rigid regulations regarding other nationals, the Moors are allowed to come and go, just as they please. It is true that Geb-el-Tarik was the first landing place of the Moors in Europe, and the British powers that be evidently regard it as still a Moorish city. In the value of his own hoards of fact, one Moor at Tangier, was heard to speak of Gibraltar as "our port in Spain."

DAIRY FARM NEWS

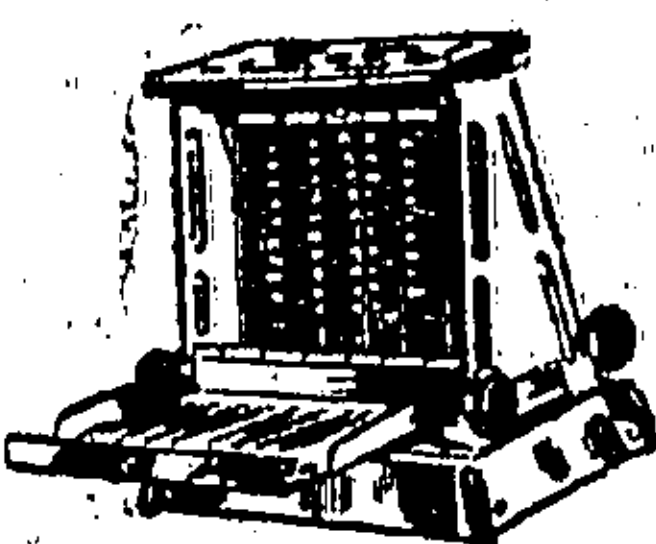
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DEATH.

MITCHELL.—On December 26,
1925, Robert Hay Berry
Mitchell, late of Hongkong
and Whampoa Dock Company
Ltd., third son of the late
Charles Dundas Mitchell,
solicitor, Dundee. Interred
at Newbury, Berks.

Hongkong, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1926.

CANTON TAKING RISKS.

Yesterday's local papers chronicled, quietly and briefly, the fact that Canton strike pickets, seeking to prevent the fish dealers putting their wares aboard, fired a number of shots at the river steamer "Kinshan." There is no doubt about the attack having been made—scarred and chipped paintwork tell the tale. This incident is fresh proof, if such were needed, that the boycott is not a patriotic movement organized by the Chinese people but is simply a piece of mischief-making carried on by lawless gangs to serve their own ends.

Presumably the Canton Government knows its own business best, but quite apart from the ethical side of the matter, we think it is making a grave mistake in allowing these outrages to continue. For the moment we are not referring to the possible international trouble which might be invited by prolonged attacks on the trade of a friendly nation, but more to the internal dangers the Canton Government is likely to provoke by allowing the strike pickets to pursue their lawless course.

Unless the situation is taken in hand without further delay one of two things is likely to happen. Either the strike pickets, growing in power and insolence, will challenge, not merely the authority, but perhaps the very existence of the Canton Government, or the long-suffering merchants and tradespeople goaded beyond endurance, will seek their own remedy, or turn to the first quarter that promises to bring

them relief. "The Canton Government" may feel that it can accept these risks without anxiety, but it would do well to remember that China, politically, is a land of sudden changes.

The dangers of the present position seem to us so patent and the promises of peace so alluring, that we quite fail to understand why the Canton Government does not suppress the strike pickets out of hand. This would be no betraying of labour to whom we are told the Canton Government feels so beholden. With the exception of the actual strike leaders, labour is suffering as much as anyone through the boycott and would be among the first to welcome relief.

There are many reasons why the Canton Government should suppress the strike pickets, but perhaps the strongest of them all is simply this—if the Chinese people are in favour of the boycott they will continue it of their accord, but if they are not they will let it die out. If they should elect to continue it, the world will then know where it stands. It will know that the will of the masses and not the private scheming of a handful of terrorists is behind the movement.

But we do not believe for a moment that the boycott would last half a day if the strike pickets were disbanded; and we are confident that this is the opinion of the rest of the world. The Chinese are a sensible race with an instinct for trading as strong as our own. They only suffer the boycott because they are put in fear of their lives. That is why the world looks to the Canton Government, as a responsible governing body, to end the intolerable tyranny of the strike pickets.

RUMOUR.

"They say" is half a lie, an old proverb reminds us. Very often it is a complete one. Of the ravages of rumour it is impossible to think in complete detail. "They say" begins a gossip—and immediately reputations are torn to ribbons. Disaster is foretold, hope is raised or dashed—all from an idle piece of chatter sprung no one knows whence. Fortunes have arisen out of rumours, and fortunes have disappeared. Values have appreciated or depreciated. No one as a rule stops to think of the possible source of a rumour—the cause or reason of it, or the possible effect its continued repetition is likely to have on men and things. A new Ordinance is called for—intituled—as local phraseology has it—"An Ordinance to Prevent the Dissemination of Idle Rumours Likely to Lead to Unsettlement." Hongkong is prone to rumours. The "malady" affects all classes. The "so and so Company," "they said," "had received large contracts," "Hence its shares rose in value." This was a common form of rumour, which at one time flared up, and at another time faded away, and the Wallingfordian

DISARMAMENT.

DATE OF PRELIMINARY MEETING.

POSTPONEMENT REQUESTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Feb. 1.

Five members of the League of Nations Council, including France, Italy, and Japan, have requested a postponement of the meeting of the preparatory commission for the disarmament conference fixed for February 15, but propose that it be held before May 15.

The Secretary has telegraphed the suggestion to other members of the League Council and others invited to attend the commission later.

A majority for an adjournment is assured owing to Spain accepting the proposal.

POLAND'S POSITION.

A Denial by Britain.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 1.

The story that Great Britain had intimated to Poland that she would be unable to support Poland's application for a permanent seat on the Council of the League of Nations if Poland persisted in refusing her military establishment was emphatically denied by the Foreign Office today.

It was pointed out that such a suggestion from Great Britain would constitute a reversal of policy and practice which she has followed in regard to armaments since the close of the war.

The British Government, as it has had more than once occasion of showing in recent months, remains, as it has always been, wholeheartedly in favour of any effective scheme of disarmament.

PARLIAMENT.

TO BE OPENED BY THE KING.

FORECAST OF SPEECH.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 1.

Parliament will be opened tomorrow by H. M. the King in person. His Majesty, accompanied by the Queen, will drive in state to Westminster, and will deliver the Speech from the Throne, foreshadowing the legislation contemplated by the Government in the coming session.

The Government desire to reserve as much Parliamentary time as possible for consideration of any action that may be necessary when the report of the Coal Commission is presented.

The text of the King's Speech has been approved by the Cabinet, and the newspapers anticipate that economy, electricity, and agriculture will probably prove to be the chief matters upon which legislation is promised.

INDIAN SENSATION.

MAHARAJAH OF LAHORE INVOLVED.

ACTION BY THE VICEROY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Delhi, Feb. 1.

Lord Reading, the Viceroy of India, has decided to appoint a Committee, consisting of two High Court Judges, two Ruling Princes, and one Senior Officer of the Political Department, to investigate the alleged connection of the Maharajah of Indore with the attempted abduction of the dancer Muntaz Begum and the murder of the merchant Bawla.

The procedure will be that of a case in which the question arises of depriving the Ruler of his powers—either temporarily or permanently.

The Maharajah has been informed of the Viceroy's decision.

SOVIET HAND.

LEADS TO DISMISSAL OF TUPAN.

RAILWAY ZONE AFFAIR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, February 1.

A message from Changchun states that Chang Huan-hang was dismissed from the Tupsan of the railway zone on January 30.

Defence Commissioner Chang Chun has been appointed to succeed him.

The dismissal is attributed to pressure from the Soviet.

SPANISH FLIGHT.

SUCCESSFUL ATLANTIC EFFORT.

BRITISH PRESS PRAISE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 1.

The Spanish airman, Commander Franco, who yesterday completed a flight across the Atlantic and arrived at Pernambuco, is warmly congratulated by the British Press.

The seaplane left Palos, in Southern Spain, on January 22, the total flying time being 35 hours, 26 minutes.

Previous Flights.

The Atlantic has now been crossed four times by aeroplane and thrice by airship. The United States' airman, Lieutenant-Commander Reard, was the first to accomplish the feat by aeroplane. He flew via Azores.

Two Portuguese airmen, stopping en route at Las Palmas St. Vincent, on St. Paul's Rock, where the original machine was destroyed, reached their destination, Pernambuco, in another machine.

The only direct non-stop trans-Atlantic aeroplane flight was made by the late Sir John Alcock and Sir Arthur Whitten who flew from Newfoundland to Ireland in 19 hours. Each of the airship flights, two by the British R33 and one by American airmen, flying a German machine, were made without stopping en route.

The Spanish success celebrated today was undertaken under the auspices of the Spanish Government in a machine of German design, built in Italy, and engined with two British Napier Lion engines, each of which develops 450 horse-power.

FRANCO'S RECORD.

Return via Azores.

(Reuter's Service.)

Pernambuco, Feb. 1.

Franco has flown 3,585 miles at an average speed of 97 miles an hour since leaving Spain. He has 2,657 miles to cover to Buenos Aires for which he expects to start tomorrow, after which he will probably fly to the United States via Panama and Cuba, and return to Spain via the Azores.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

ADVENTURE AT VICTORIA FALLS.

SOME CRITICAL MOMENTS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 1.

The British airman, Mr. Alan Cobham, who has now reached Bulawayo on his journey from London to Capetown to map out an air route, had a remarkable experience on proceeding there from Livingstone.

The "Daily Mail" says that during the photograph Victoria Falls, Mr. Cobham flew down the Zambezi Gorge so close to the falls that his machine was deluged in spray and water entered the carburettor. After some critical moments, the spluttering engine began to pull again and freed itself of water, and the stage was completed safely, the airman having obtained a unique film of the great waterfall.

Mr. Cobham has now completed without mishap 6,670 miles of his 8,000 miles' journey.

COLOGNE FREE.

CITY SURRENDERS TO REVELRY.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cologne, Feb. 1.

The stroke of midnight on Sunday booming on the "Deutsche Glocke," a gigantic bell which has replaced the Kaiser Glocke which was sacrificed in war time, was the signal for an outburst of jubilation at the departure of the occupation troops.

Rockets shrieked joyously skyward and torchlight processions were formed.

The whole city was relieved, after seven years' occupation, and surrendered to a spate of revelry.

The chief feature, the speech of the Burgomaster, was begun punctually on the stroke of midnight, before a vast concourse in the Illuminated Cathedral Square.

The tolling of bells, the speeches of the Burgomaster and Prussian Premier, and crowds singing "Deutschland über Alles" were clearly heard throughout Germany owing to the elaborate broadcasting arrangements.

PASSPORT CASE.

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS' TRIALS.

PERUVIAN CONVICTED.

After several adjournments a young Peruvian named Augusto Gonzales was convicted at the Central Magistracy yesterday on three of the four charges of fraud. The sentence was three months on each charge, nine months altogether.

The Magistrate said he found the defendant guilty of deliberate and impudent frauds with regard to pretending to be able to issue passports for people to go to the United States. He had never had the vestige of authority. Some of the men had gone to the United States and had suffered imprisonment. While one had come back, another was still in prison, and he hoped the efforts of the American Consul to secure his release would be successful.

IF—

AN INTRIGUING PROBLEM.

If you had the chance of going back ten years in your life, would you take it? That is the problem as put in a mixed assembly over the week-end, and the results of the attempt to answer it are so varied that the only thing left to do is to put the question in the Forum of Public Opinion—the Press—in the hope of eliciting opinions that may help in elucidating the problem. Judging from the results of discussion on a limited scale, the natural tendency of human nature is to reply unhesitatingly Yes. But think a moment—would you personally, like to go back ten years? After consideration of the question put bluntly like that, the tendency seems to be to swing over to as positive a negative as before it was affirmative.

Extremes are seldom right—if ever. It is a law of nature that a swing to one extreme brings a corresponding swing to the opposite extreme before a middle course is found. The same applies to concrete objects, such as a pendulum, as well as to abstract facts, such as public opinion.

A violent swaying to wild excesses inevitably brings a corresponding reaction to stolid conservatism. Apply this fact to the problem in hand, and on mature consideration there is so much to be said for going back ten years in one's life, and so much to be said against it, that the answer to the problem is by no means as clear as would appear to be the case.

The discussion originated in a large crowd, and several and varied were the opinions brought out. One thing stood out crystal clear, when the smoke of all the impromptu ayes and noes had cleared away, and that was that the great majority wished to qualify the question in this way: "If I could go back ten years, knowing as much as I do now, certainly I would go back." Possibly most people would, but that is entirely begging the question.

The question with no qualification whatever is "Would you, if you were given the chance to go back ten years, take it," and the more it is studied and debated, the more intriguing it becomes. So much is that the case, that it can be confidently recommended as a vital and profitable subject for the new Debating Societies that are beginning to show their heads.

COMPANY DIVIDEND.

GODOWNS TO PAY \$8.

Subject to audit, the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., report that the balance at Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31, 1925, is \$688,494.78, which, together with \$332,695.33 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$1,021,190.56 available for appropriation.

The Directors will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend the following distribution:

To pay a dividend of \$6 per share \$480,000.00
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FREEMASONS' ELOQUENT TRIBUTE.

MESSAGE TO THE KING.

Addressing Grand Lodge in mail week, the M. W. Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Amptill, said: "Brethren, before we proceed to the business of this Quarterly Communication, you will wish me to give expression to the thought which must be uppermost in the minds of all here assembled, namely, that of sorrowful sympathy with His Majesty the King. I have, therefore, risen to move that a humble address be presented to His Majesty, and that it be in the following terms—

"To the King's Most Excellent Majesty. May it Please Your Majesty—

"We, the Members of the Fraternity known as the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England (including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch) by our representatives in Grand Lodge, assembled, do venture humbly to express our respectful and profound sympathy with Your Majesty in the sorrow caused by the death of Her late Majesty, Queen Alexandra.

"While we share the feelings of grief and veneration in the hearts of all Your Majesty's loyal subjects, we, as Freemasons, have special reasons for sorrow at the passing of the Queen Mother. Her late Majesty for very many years, first as consort of our late Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, afterwards as consort of His Majesty King Edward VII., Protector of our Order, and then, until now, had been Chief Patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, displaying an active interest in the welfare of both that Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which has resulted in the accomplishment of great good.

"In thus expressing our deep regret, we would ask leave to assure Your Majesty of our sustained loyalty to Your Throne and Person; and to add the constant prayer of each Member of our Fraternity, dwelling in every portion of Your Majesty's Empire, that, under the blessing of Almighty God, Your Majesty may continue to reign happily for many years over a loyal, prosperous, and contented people."

Brethren, for the past twelve days the shadow of grief has brooded over the Nation. There is no home in England, no British home in any part of the world, in which the death of Queen Alexandra has not caused a feeling of real sorrow, and of heartfelt sympathy with His Majesty the King. As citizens of England, we have all, in one way or another, already paid our tribute of respect to the memory of the adored Queen who has passed away. We have all heard or read the eloquent and moving words in which leaders of the nation in every sphere of life have expressed the universal admiration of that beautiful and noble life which the late Queen Mother dedicated to the service of her fellow-creatures. I shall not presume to repeat that which has been said by the great men who have spoken for us all, but, perhaps, I may add a few words to indicate the thoughts which particularly occur to us, as Freemasons.

We have always thought of Queen Alexandra as of one whose heart was distinguished by the characteristic of charity, the virtue

ROBBERY ATTEMPT.

FOUR CHINESE IN COURT.

WIRE AND GAGS FOUND.

Four Chinese were charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with attempted armed robbery, two other charges of unlawful possession of a dagger, wire and gags being preferred against the first accused, while the second accused was also charged with having an iron bar with felonious intent.

Evidence showed that the first two accused were arrested on the staircase of a building contractor's house at Queen's Road East, the others being found in a room. It was pointed out that the third accused had formerly worked for the contractor and that the number of gags coincided with the number of people in the house.

The case was adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BANG, BANG, BANG!

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—It has occurred to me that the author of the toy pistol ruling has missed several loop holes.

All users of pipes and pipe cases should be compelled to take out an arms licence.

Furthermore anybody closing their fist and extending the index finger or who makes or utters any such sounds as boom or bang shall be deemed to have contravened the Arms Ordinance and upon conviction shall be condemned to kowtow three times before the C.S.P. exclaiming Pop at each genuflection.

I enclose my card.

Yours, etc.,

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Hongkong, February 1.

which, as Freemasons we most admire. By charity, we do not mean only the charity that gives but the greater charity, the charity that thinks no evil, the charity that suffers long and is kind, the charity that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. We shall also think of her as one who from the beginning renounced her own pleasure in order to make herself more extensively serviceable to her fellow-creatures. In cherishing the memory of the beautiful life which won the affection and admiration of the millions who knew the name of Queen Alexandra, we shall feel proud, and, above all, thankful to Almighty God that we have been privileged to record that name among the Patronesses of Freemasonry, together with that of the great and good Queen Victoria. Nothing can be more precious to a Nation than a high ideal of womanhood, and great indeed is the good fortune that God has granted to our Country in that three Queens in succession have for ninety years held up such an ideal to the people in whose hearts they have reigned and are reigning. Let us reflect with gratitude on all that those who look to "the accepted ideal, this blessed plot, this realm, this England," as their home or the home of their fathers, owe to the example of Queen Victoria, Queen Alexandra, and our gracious Queen Mary. Meanwhile, as Freemasons, who never lose sight of the allegiance due to the Sovereign of their native land, let us think with respectful and heartfelt sympathy of His Majesty the King.

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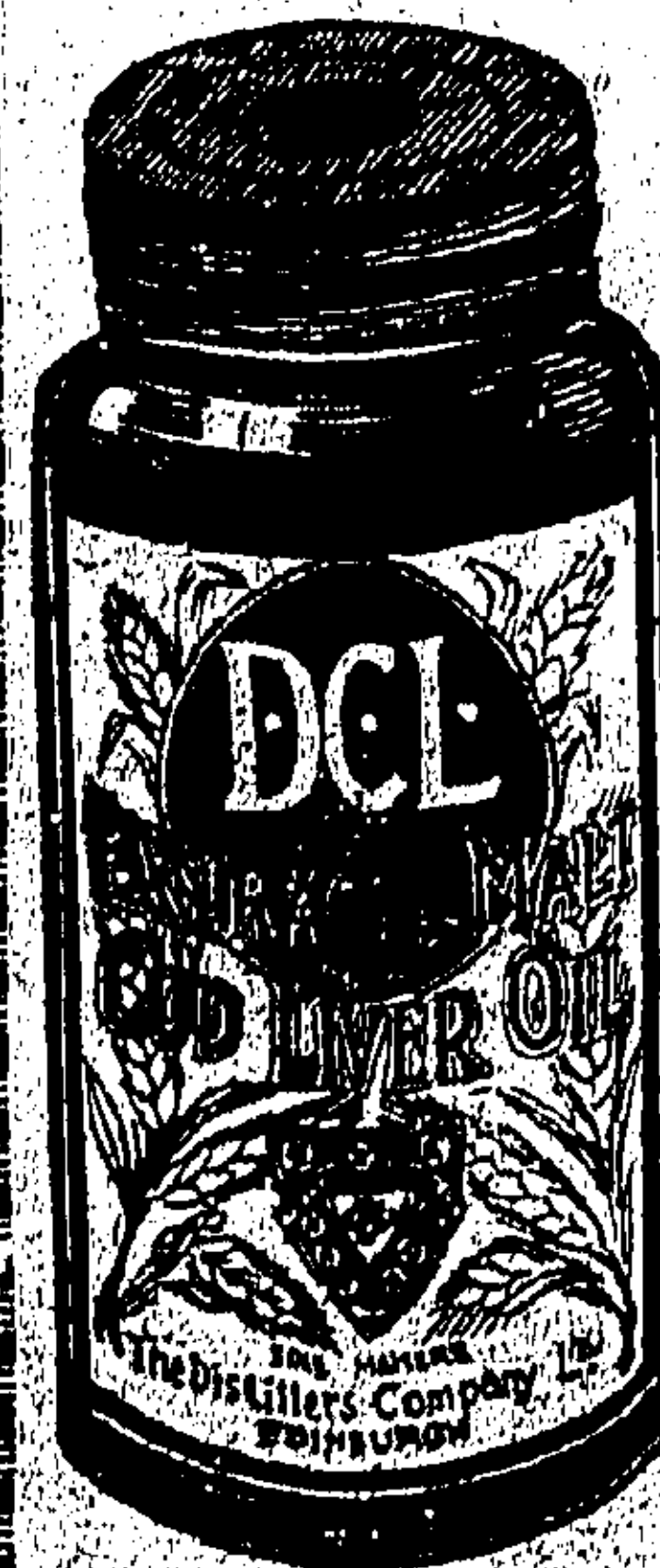
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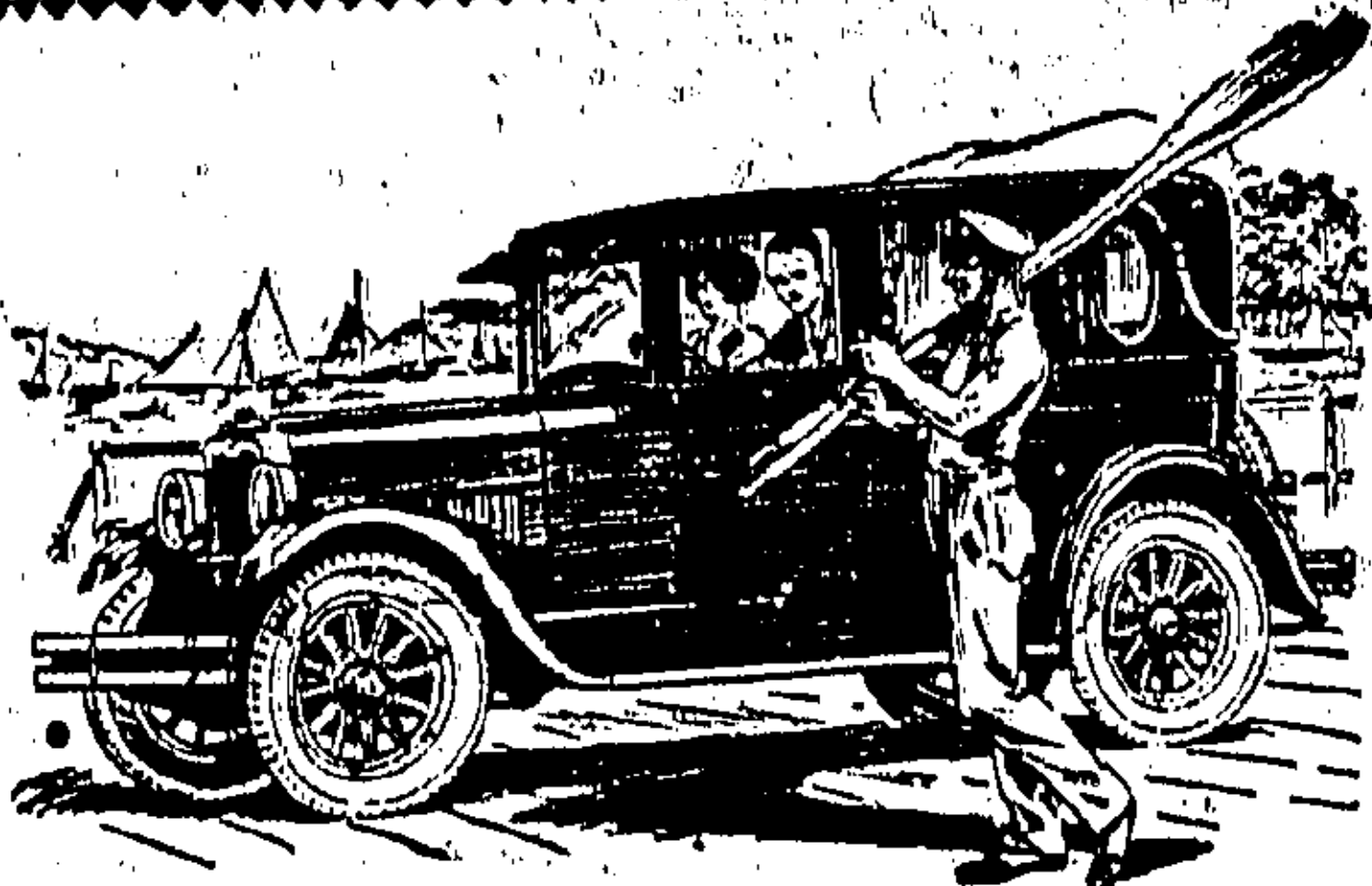
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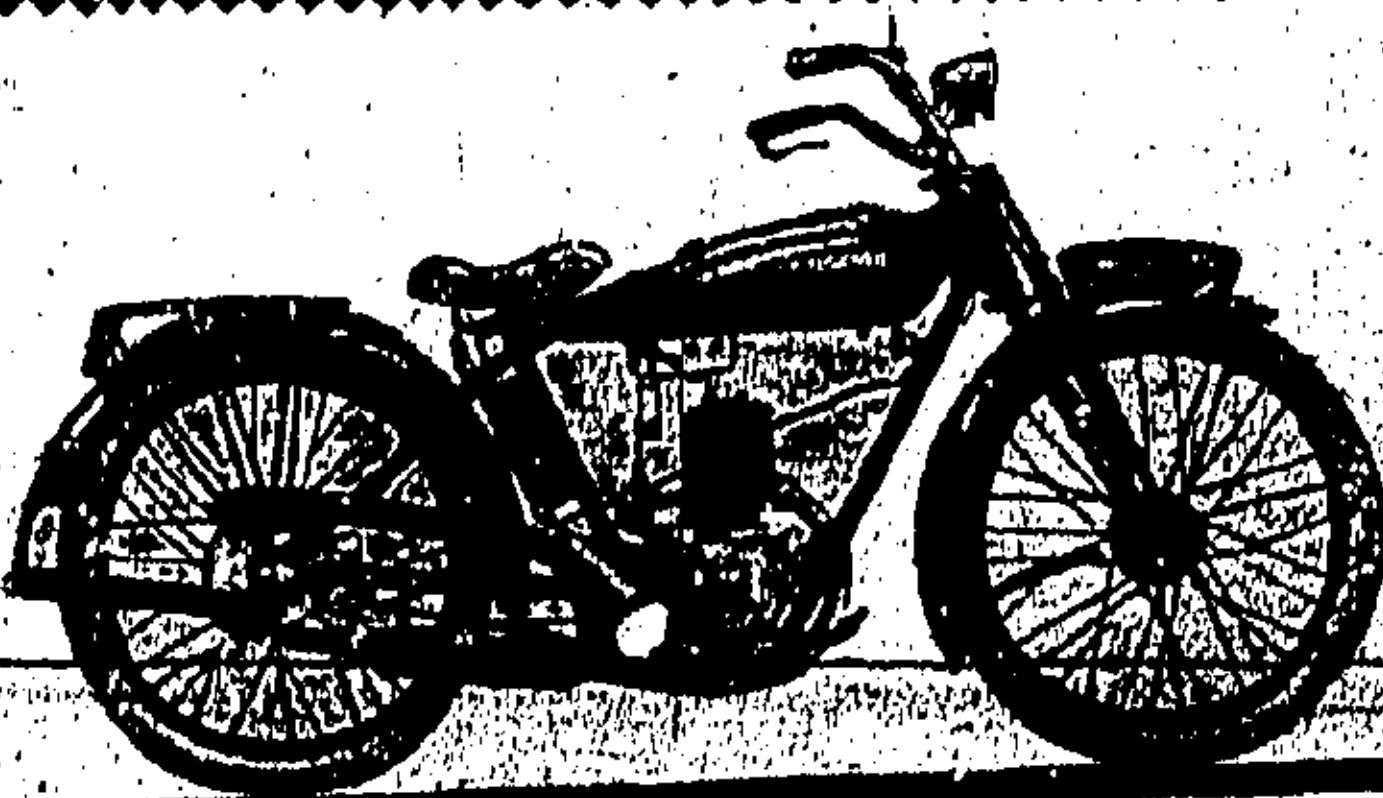
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 48 hours ended Sunday shows one Chinese (imported) case of smallpox and one Chinese case of diphtheria.

A court at Bordenaux has meted out six months in jail and a fine of 20,000 francs to two individuals found guilty of selling kitchen wine in bottles labelled "Haut brien."

Two new radio stations will shortly be in operation by the Manila bureau of posts. They are Pandan Radio in Catanduanes, for which P6,000 is being spent, and Infanta Radio in Tayabas, P6,000. The other proposed radio stations, planned last year and this year, numbering 16, will be done by administration or by contract.

More than 100 mail contracts have been renewed by the Manila bureau of posts. In view of the opening of more roads in the provinces and the better services by trucks, transportation companies and other public carriers, the mail service this year is expected to be more efficient, regular and frequent.

Something entirely new to the average Berlin concert-goer was the singing of Negro spirituals by Roland Hayes in the large hall of the Philharmonic, not long since. So new, indeed, was it that it was considered advisable to explain in the programme that these songs were of a devout character and "not to be confused with jazz songs." The crowded audience listened with deep interest and applauded with genuine appreciation. Mr. Hayes' beautiful voice, expression and fine phrasing made the same impression here as last year. His programme consisted of Italian, German and English numbers, his perfect interpretation of several of Duke Wolf's most difficult songs especially delighting his German hearers. Mr. Hayes was forced, in response to the applause of the audience, to extend his programme until the lights were turned low, and he laughingly bowed his farewells in his overcoat.

Receipt of £1 from Yorkshire as conscience money, "for goods taken," is acknowledged by the War Office.

An Imperial gift of ¥1,500 has been made to South Sea Islands for the relief work of refugees in the recent storm there. This is said to be the first gift given by the Japanese Imperial family to the islanders there.

Fire originating in the kitchen of the store of Tanisong swept the commercial centre of Ormoze, Leyte, on the morning of January 5 and reduced to ashes six Chinese stores, causing estimated damage of approximately P100,000.

The Turkish Republic is to replace all the paper money now in circulation with a new paper money bearing the name of the republic. The paper money now in circulation, that of the Ottoman Empire, for the most part, so filthy that it is a menace to public health. All the paper of the empire must be submitted for exchange and burned within six months.

All Great Britain danced simultaneously the other night in a gigantic international radio jazz revel for hospital charity. The chief revel was at Olympia in London, but there were smaller dances throughout the country, from Plymouth to Aberdeen and Belfast. Broadcasting stations in New York, Pittsburgh, Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam and Madrid assisted the revels.

Steady increase of typhoid fever in Tokyo for several weeks has caused the Chief of Police to launch a campaign against the disease. Records at the Metropolitan Police Board show that 6,500 cases have been reported in Tokyo since December 1. Health department officials plan a house to house canvass and a survey will be made of the stocks of vegetables sold in restaurants, shops and markets. Preparations are being made to reopen the Honjo infection disease hospital which was closed in December.

More than 200,000 citizens visited the Meiji Shrine in Tokyo during the first three days of the New Year to pray for prosperity and happiness. Nearly half of these visitors called on the New Year's day when the spacious road leading to the main sanctuary of the shrine was crowded to capacity.

The first vehicle to run by its own power upon a highroad was French. This was the steam carriage made by Cugnot in 1769. It was an amazingly clumsy contrivance, with a huge, kettle-like boiler, and its highest speed was about four miles an hour. It ended by running into a wall and upsetting, spilling hot embers and boiling water in every direction. Its unfortunate inventor was arrested and put in prison.

Plans for construction of a south breakwater and the closing of a present channel on the west breakwater, at Manila, are being drawn up by the bureau of public works. Included in this project are the improvement of Pier 5 through the widening of its apron to about 25 feet around the present pier, to facilitate transfer of cargoes from the steamers; construction of a pier head similar to that of Pier 7, to give room for customs inspection offices; and dredging of the harbour area which will be made passage way for incoming and outgoing steamers.

Compared with the privy purse of some foreign sovereigns, the White House budget is of modest proportions. The estimate for 1925-26 is \$441,960, and it includes even the Vice-President's salary. The budget for 1925-26 was larger because it contained "an item of \$50,000 for extraordinary repairs." That would have seemed a large sum to the thrifty parers and prangers of the Treasury who in 1800 made the first grant of \$15,000 for furniture and seven years later made the first appropriation of a similar amount for repairs. None, however, will accuse the present incumbent of the Executive Mansion of extravagance.

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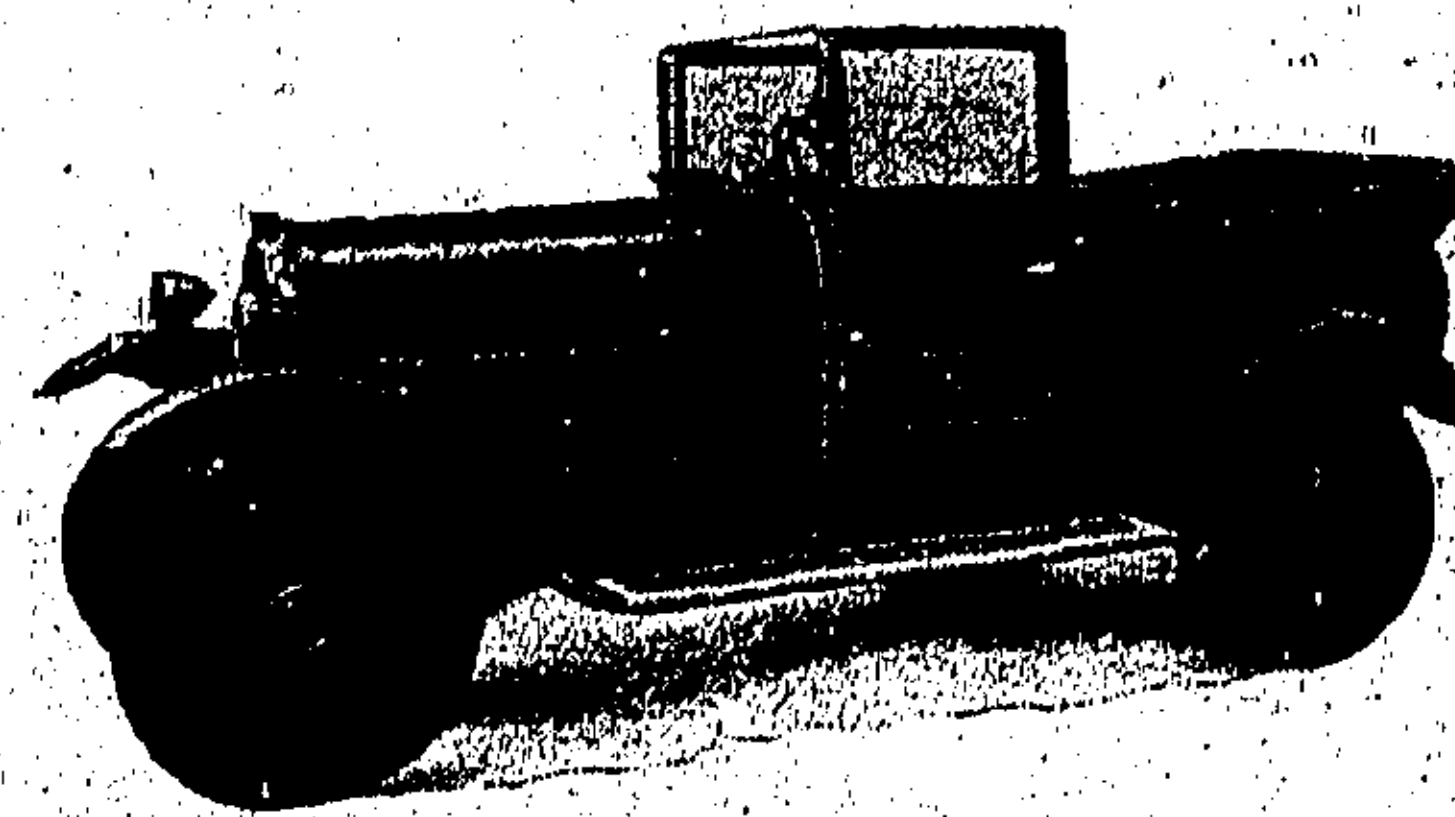
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The ship's Company of H.M.S. "Tahiti" are giving a farewell dance on board this evening.

Mr. Allen Cameron, Mr. L. Gain, Mrs. G. F. Haslam, Mr. Lam Woo, Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Dell, Mr. S. R. Rumbold, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Yates, returned to the Colony yesterday by the "President Jackson."

Mr. W. W. Roys, Acting British Consul-General in Kobe, left the port on January 28 by the P. and O. steamer "Malwa." He will be absent on furlough for nine months.

Paying a visit to old friends in the Colony is Mr. Charles Young, manager, Oriental Union Trading Co., Shanghai. Mr. Young is an "old Hongkong boy." He has been away for over ten years and is now a valuable member of the Shanghai business community.

The whole of the foreign community in Seoul was "en fête" on Friday 15th January, in honour of the marriage between two of its most popular young members, Miss Gwyneth Jones, late of Hankow, and Mr. E. C. Wood, manager of the Rising Sun Petroleum Company. The Consular Service was performed at the British Consulate-General by Mr. Arthur Hyde Lay C.M.G. the witnesses being Miss Mount Biggs and Mr. M. E. Denning.

The following notifications under the Singapore Volunteer Ordinance are published in the Gazette: Commissions as Second Lieutenants are granted to Messrs. R. L. Brown, R. L. Cusack and C. E. Lambert; Second Lieutenant R. L. Brown is promoted to Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant R. L. Cusack is promoted Acting Captain whilst second in command of Malay Company, Malacca Volunteer Corps; the resignations of the commissions of Captain G. J. Greer and Lieutenant J. R. Kay-Mount are accepted.

The death is announced in Kobe of the Rev. Alfred Gurney Goldsmith of the Missions to Seamen at the age of 66. Mr. Goldsmith had been interested in work among seamen since 1880. At one time he held a living in England, but for half his lifetime he had served the Missions to Seamen in Hongkong and the Australian ports. Early last year he came to Kobe to report on the feasibility of opening an Institute for the mission there, and deciding that it was promising, secured the house at No. 115, and began work there.

Mr. G. H. Elliott of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., has been transferred to the London office.

Mr. Denis Santry of Swan and Maclaren, has presented to the Director of St. Joseph's Institution, Singapore a large and beautiful silver challenge cup for the School Athletic Championship. This trophy will replace the one won outright by Louis Yong last year after 20 years of vain struggle for ultimate possession. It will be competed for yearly. The staff and pupils of the Institution are very grateful to Mr. Santry for his magnanimous gift, which will be competed for this year.



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The London Missionary Society announce the death, at Barnet, of the second oldest of their missionaries, the Rev. Samuel James Whitmee, late of Samoa, at the age of eighty-seven. Mr. Whitmee first sailed for Samoa on March 6, 1863. He was associated with much early pioneering work in the Pacific area, especially in the Gilbert Islands. He returned to England in 1877, and until 1891 held pastorates at Bristol and Dublin. He then returned to Samoa for special work for the Society, and while resident there gave Robert Louis Stevenson regular lessons in the Samoan language.

A despatch has just been received from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Sir Austen Chamberlain), appointing Mr. A. G. Mossop as H.M. Crown Advocate for China. The appointment dates from October last, when the position was vacated by Mr. H. P. Wilkinson. It is interesting to note that Mr. Mossop is the fourth holder of this office. It was created in 1878, in November of which year Mr. (afterwards Sir Nicholas) Hannen was appointed. He was succeeded in January, 1882, by Mr. (afterwards Sir Hiram) Wilkinson, while Mr. H. P. Wilkinson was appointed to the position in December, 1897, holding it until his retirement recently.

Georges Clemenceau, by allowing the publication in serial form in the weekly L'Illustration of his literary historical work on Demosthenes, the great orator of ancient Athens, has broken the rule which he set for himself when he abandoned the editorial pen of his newspaper L'Homme Enchaîné in 1917 to become France's war Premier. He declared then that he would never write anything which would be published during his lifetime. The "Tiger" has assured his intimates that no personal parallel is meant between himself and Demosthenes, but his friends point out that an allegory can readily be traced in a comparison of the days when Athens lived under the threat of Philip of Macedon and the days when France was called on to meet the German onslaught. When the serial is concluded the work will be published in book form and a small fortune is said to have been offered "The Father of Victory" for the exclusive American rights.

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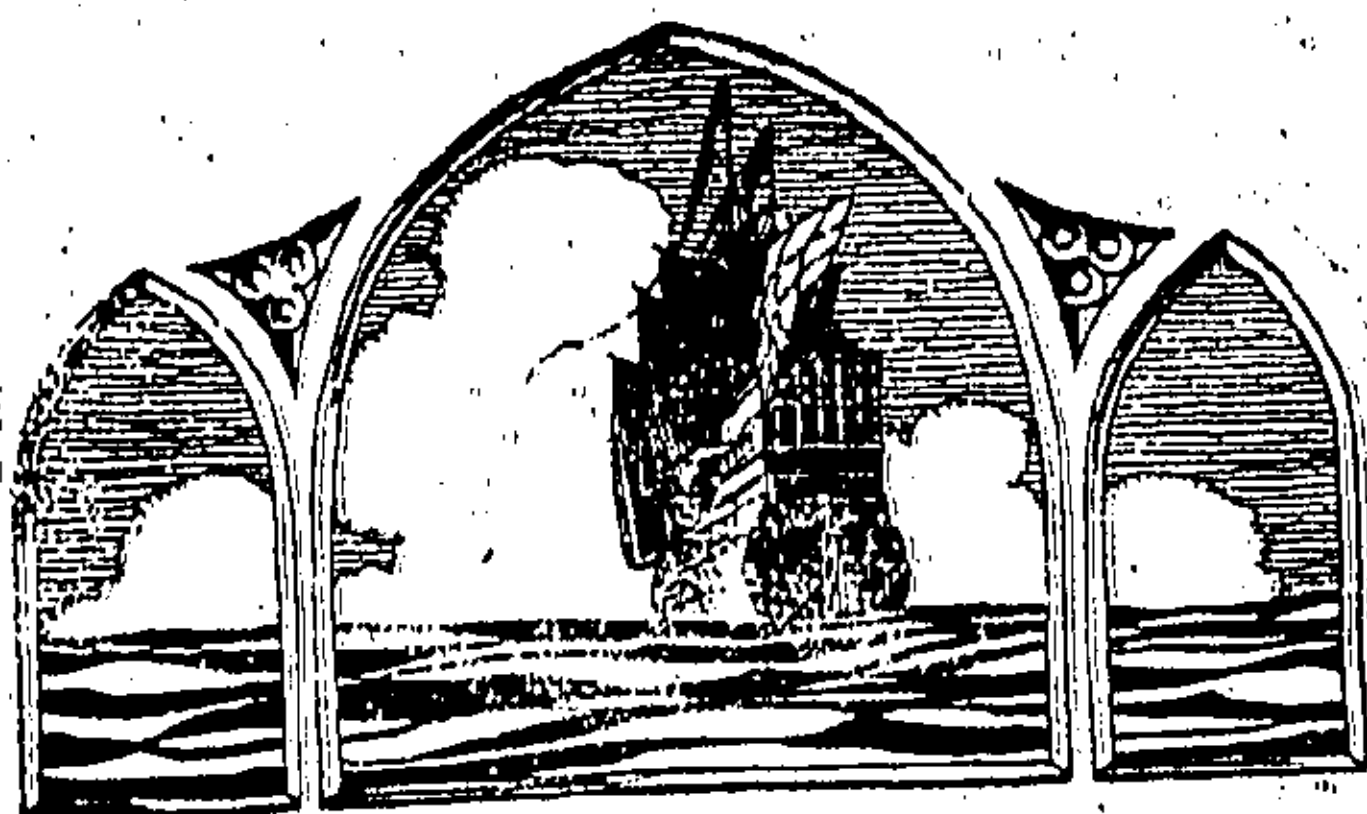
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The famous Metropolitan Opera singer, Marie Jeritza, who gave a benefit for the Loving Arms Day Nursery in New York, where babies are cared for while their mothers work, visited the institution to see the little ones for whom she sang.



With the filing of a suit for divorce against Rudolph Valentino came a wild rumour that he would wed Gladys Cooper, English beauty, as soon as the present decree was granted.



The Bambino (Babe Ruth) proved he was "there" in a "punch" when he handed a bunch of "yellowbacks" to Gertrude Bourque for St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, where the "Colossus of Clout" has been a frequent guest in his many illnesses.



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Another pose of Col. Mitchell, D.S.C., who lost his rank and five years' pay after the American Air Force "scandal."



Of real gold and silver are the gifts of the three magi in this work of art now on exhibition in the Munich Museum. It depicts the adoration of the magi on Christmas morn and exemplifies the good wishes of the season.



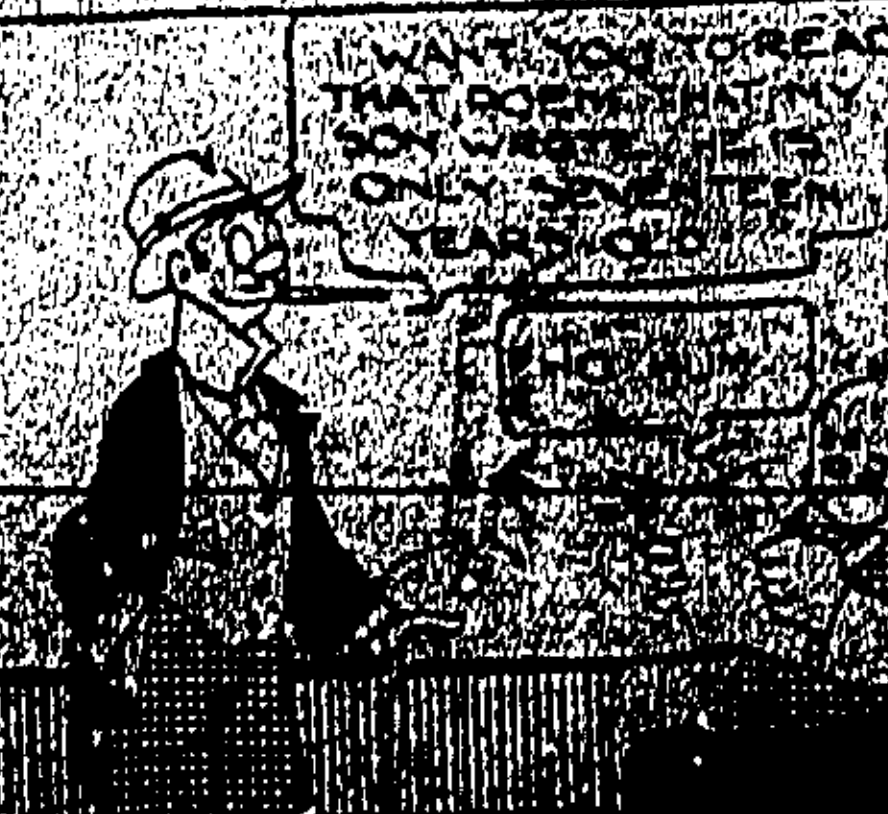
Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, happy after her long rest in Canada, returns to New York for holiday shopping, silent on her reported divorce suit against the banker and equally silent that when freed, she would be wedded to the youthful James McCormick.

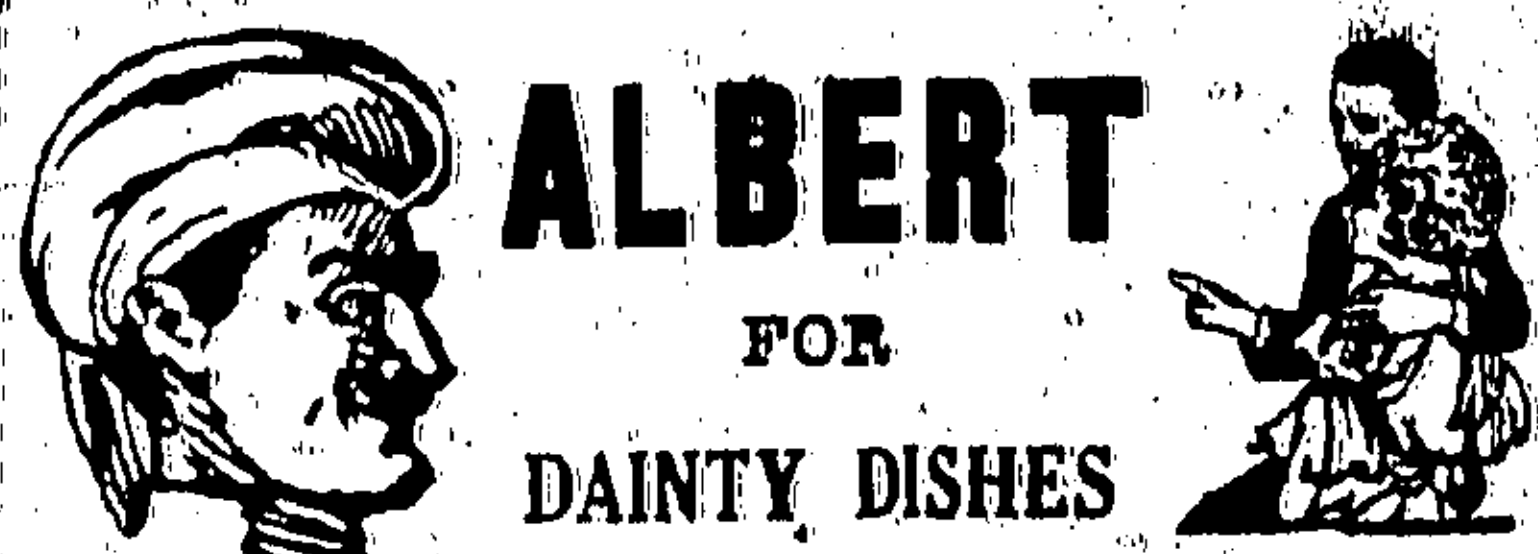
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ODDS AND ENDS

An All-Scots Ballet.

There is, it seems, a sort of reaction going on among the younger Scots painters, whose latest idea is to produce an all-Scots ballet in Edinburgh or Glasgow (a "Daily Chronicle" writer tells us). The theme is to breathe entirely of Scotland, and the dancers will probably appear in theatrical versions of the kilt. The ballet is only one of this revolutionary group's ideas of how to improve art in the North. They hope to hold exhibitions of modern work in the Northern cities and try to convince their countrymen, who are particularly conservative in such matters, that there is something in modern art.

The Youthful Disraeli.
He realised as justly as Napoleon, and at a much earlier age, the importance of women in affairs. No doubt he was fully aware also how far less are women than men influenced by racial prejudice. Florida as was the age, he overruled the part of the Georgian dandy to a degree that incensed males. He carried rings too many in number and too brilliant in sparkle; his locks were too long and too heavily oiled; the slant of his tie was too insolently careless; the pattern of his waistcoat was over-gorgeous. But in the dress of a Methodist he would have still been unmistakably the Jew; and the insolent English youth would still have sneered. It was policy, therefore, to exaggerate. For if the man cursed his candid absurdities, they made the women in any company give him a second look; to look a second time was to note that he had wonderful eyes, and was as handsome in one way as Byron in another, and then the Disraelian tongue, potent as the serpent's with Eve, had begun its work.—Disraeli: The Alien Patriot. E. T. Raymond (Hogder & Stoughton.)

Knowing London.
Yes, the Londoner loves his London; but does he know his London? There is the rub. Do we not sedulously pay our homage to Murillo's famed Immaculate Conception at the Louvre, while all the while, no farther off than Dulwich, a Murillo Madonna and Child are prepared to welcome us with the proverbial courtesy of royalty, the baby's hands a-fumble in this mother's draperies, respectful hands lost in a drapery itself rose-red as June, the twin gold of the haloes celestially merged in the "sweet evening yellow" of a sunset sky. I have a friend, a valued, gifted friend, who once went on a holiday to Belgium, and shortly afterwards spent a day with me. "What would you specially care to do?" I asked, and got the answer: "Let us look at Van Dyck. I've been being losing my heart to Van Dyck in Brussels, and now I find they have any number of them in the National Gallery. Well might the wicked baronet of 'Ruddigore' threaten to bestow his ancestors on the nation, in order that none should look upon their faces.—London Again, Again. Marguerite Horsfall. (Heinemann.)

Livingstone's Tree.

A graceful act to a great memory has just been carried out under British auspices at Ujiji, in Tanganyika Territory, Africa. Here it was that 54 years ago, H. M. Stanley found the great explorer, Livingstone, who had reached the place in a state of great exhaustion after five years' travelling in what then truly was "the dark continent." Livingstone had then been lost to sight for months.

Stanley's laconic greeting, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume," when he finally met Livingstone face to face in the far-off African village, has gone down to history. This meeting took place under a mango tree, where the tired Livingstone was resting, and around the tree now the British administrative officer in charge of the district has placed a simple rail and stone fence to preserve it and to commemorate the event.

Marlborough House.
It will be a long time before Londoners cease to think of Marlborough House, as belonging to anybody but Queen Alexandra, as so much of her life here was spent in the pleasant, familiar Wren building (says an "Evening Standard" writer). There is a tale that when Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt married the Duke of Marlborough her father declared that he would buy Marlborough House as a wedding present for her, but found that it was decidedly not for sale. There will be a great deal of work to be done there now, for, like most Royal residences, Marlborough House is packed with souvenirs. A younger member of the Royal Family has described it as being "a red plush sort of place," for it still reflects the Edwardian taste in furnishings, though the rooms are beautifully proportioned, and there is much that is exquisite among the late Queen's possessions.

A Calm Retreat.
There is one place in London which ordinary street processions, shows, or ceremonials do not affect in the slightest degree—the big domed Reading Room at the British Museum (says a "Daily News" writer). Nothing disturbs its serene detachment. Wars may come and go, revolutions may break out, thrones may fall, general elections may rage over the country, anything, indeed, may happen without making any perceptible difference to the hushed, peaceful atmosphere of the Reading Room. Whatever the crisis you will find the same number of people bending over their books at the most comfortable desks in London. Nothing short of an earthquake in Bloomsbury, or an always felt, could affect the place. But on Queen Alexandra's funeral day, when I looked in about midday, quite one-third of the 400 odd desks were vacant. This is unusual. It rather looked as if the sad procession had done what no other event had been able to do. It had affected the Reading Room of the British Museum.

Literary Ghosts.

It would be interesting to know who has added the best ghost character to literature during the last half-century (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). Miss Clemence Dane quoted some examples when she spoke on the subject to the Six Point Group, and added, as her opinion, that Bernard Shaw had restored the literary ghost to his own significant position. Everybody will not agree with her; there are many, for instance, who put the "ghostliness" of "Mary Rose" in the premier position, and others have other preferences. There seems no doubt, however, that a taste for the ghost in literature is being revived, probably, as Miss Dane suggested, the war helped the revival. Before the war came the ghost in literature had largely died out of fashion, because people rather tended to give up wonder for materialistic security, and preferred the matter-of-fact to the mystic.

Emily, Bronte.
For my part I imagine her much as Charlotte describes her; as capable of any heroism—public, or private. She was, undoubtedly, of the heroic mould of such women as Kate Barlass, or Flora Macdonald, a born leader, in any enterprise—nay, a born leader. We have come to think of Emily Bronte as a personality so awe-inspiring that the idea of approaching her for close scrutiny almost appals us, even at this distance of time. We are conscious of a feeling of presumption, so haughtily would she have resented the intrusion. She was that rare individual—the person who is absolutely self-contained, who never leaned upon others, however much they might rely upon her. Her joys and griefs she kept to herself, only with her heart would she commune, and this at a time when she was withdrawn from all the world—at dusk, at nightfall, or—at dawn, when she rose—learn—even before the servants, so that she might enjoy uninterrupted communion with the secrets of her own heart and with Nature. It was probably at such times, or out alone on the moors, that she composed these glorious poems that are our priceless heritage to-day. But this further withdrawal of herself from the scrutiny of even her family was by no means, I think, the outcome of any spirit of egotism; it was, rather, the complete absence of egotism. Emily Jane Bronte.—Alice Law. (Old Parnassus Press, Altham, Acerrington.)

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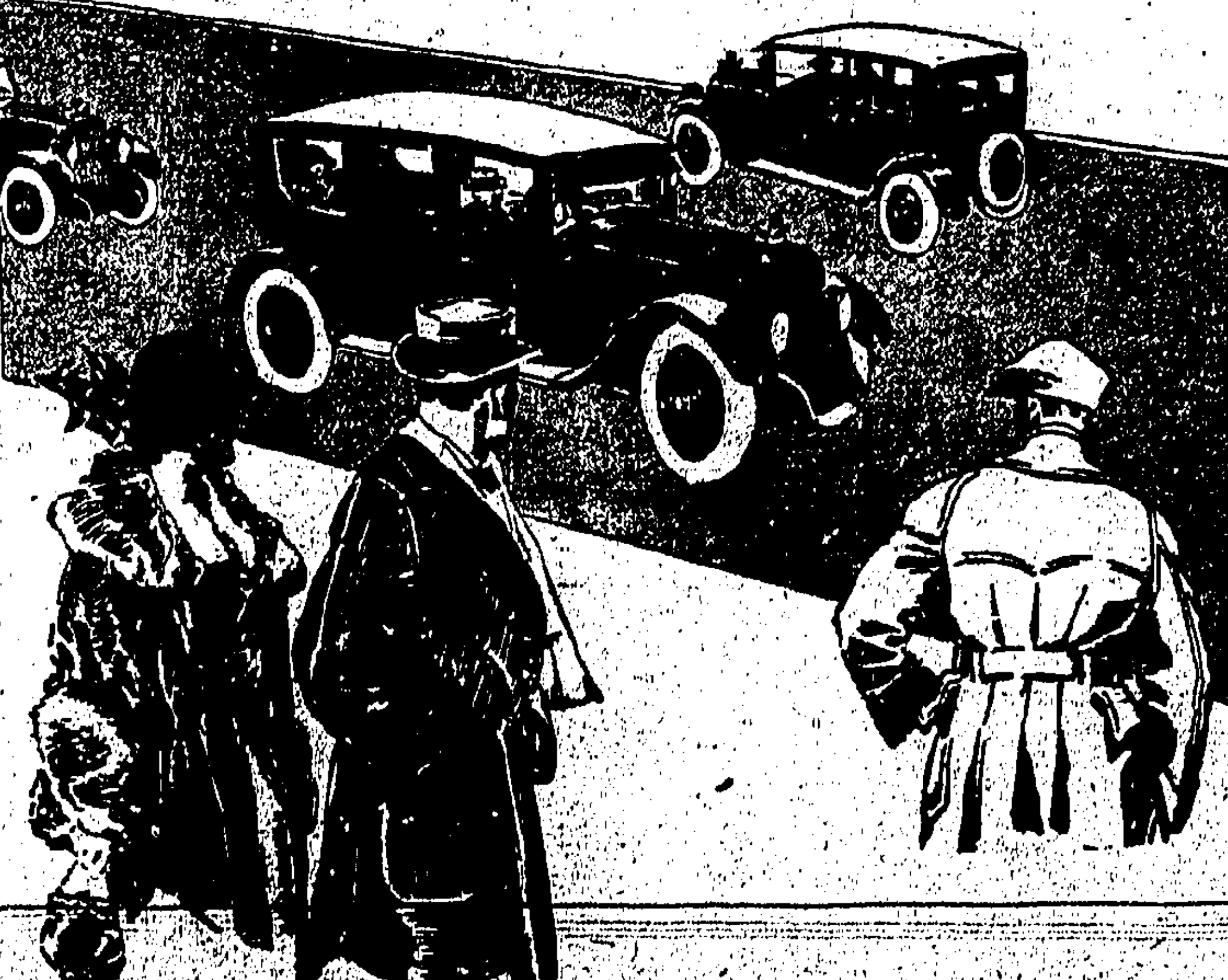
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